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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 406

By Cohen

A RESOLUTION to honor David Allen Himes on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should recognize those professionals who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, Mr. David Allen Himes is one such outstanding person who has served with loyalty and integrity for 38 years with the Ohio Casualty Group of Insurance Companies; and

WHEREAS, Dave Himes was born on June 7, 1935, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, the third of five children born to George and Harriet Himes; and

WHEREAS, Dave attended Edison Junior High School and John Harris High School where he was a standout athlete in football and track and field; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from John Harris in 1954, Dave was afforded the great opportunity to attend college and play football at Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, as a student athlete, Dave competed in baseball, wrestling and football, leading the Warriors to a 7-1-1 mark on the gridiron in his senior season; and

WHEREAS, as a gifted scholar, Dave majored in economics and was awarded a Bachelor of Science in Business degree in 1958; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Dave returned to Harrisburg and began his insurance career as an underwriter trainee with America Fore Loyalty Group in 1958; and

WHEREAS, on May 29, 1961, Dave joined the Harrisburg Branch Office of the Ohio Casualty Group of Insurance Companies as an underwriter; and

WHEREAS, while in Harrisburg, Dave met Marianne Dobrazynski and, having found each other, the two were married on August 24, 1963; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, Dave transferred to the Philadelphia Branch Office as a field representative and, while residing in Philadelphia, David and Marianne's son, Douglas David, was born on February 5, 1970; and

WHEREAS, Dave returned to the Harrisburg Branch Office as a field representative in 1975; and

WHEREAS, in November 1980, David left the Harrisburg Branch Office for the Beehive State, becoming the branch manager of the Salt Lake City Branch Office; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Dave left Utah for the Volunteer State, becoming the branch manager of the Memphis Branch Office; and

WHEREAS, while in Tennessee, Dave achieved unparalleled professional success by establishing Ohio Casualty as an insurance leader in the Mid-South; and

WHEREAS, Dave transferred to the South Jersey Branch Office in 1993, serving as branch manager and playing a vital role in the company's reorganization in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Dave has been an active and vital part of his communities and his profession, participating in numerous professional and civic organizations in Pennsylvania, Utah, Tennessee and New Jersey, including meritorious service as coach of the Duncannon Royals, member of the Blue Goose Insurance Association, and as a committee member of the YMCA Camp Ockanickon Golf Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Dave's insight will be greatly missed by his professional colleagues, his loyal friendship cherished by those he has touched throughout the world and his golf swing well remembered by many; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Dave has exemplified the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we extend to David Allen Himes our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we welcome home David and Marianne to Springfield and the great State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.